



# City of Cambridge

38.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 1995

COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR SULLVIAN

WHEREAS: Food is the most essential of human needs; and

WHEREAS: The proposal in the U.S. Congress to consolidate all existing federal nutrition programs into a single state administered Block Grant would seriously endanger existing hunger and nutrition programs essential to the health and well-being of Cambridge, including school lunch and breakfast programs, WIC (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children) and food assistance programs targetted to the elderly; and

WHEREAS: The costs to the City of Cambridge which will accrue with the elimination or curtailment of these time-proven programs will be both tangible and hidden. If we are not to ignore our residents in need, we will have to look to municipal funds to replace lost federal and state reimbursements. If we choose to ignore our hungry children, hidden costs will accrue as: children who come to school hungry and sit through school hungry, become children who cannot learn, and as elderly who do not eat, develop higher proportion of chronic illnesses; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Council hold a public hearing on February 6, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the ramifications of this national policy on our local programs and to plan how we can best inform your state and national elected officials of the severity of the effects of such a policy were it to become law.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

*D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

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Consent Order #38

Councillor Born, Sullivan re: The City Council  
hold a public hearing on February 6, 1995 at 7 P.M.  
to discuss the ramifications on the national policy  
on our local programs regarding hunger and nutrition.

In City Council January 23, 1995

Order Adopted  
Hearing Scheduled  
for Feb. 6, 1995 at  
7:00 P.M.

2/6/95 Hearing held.